

RM-10868 shares characteristics of a number of recent filings with the Commission on radio amateur matters--i.e., it is comprehensive and complex. However, a portion of RM-10868 incorporates an earlier petition, RM-10413, by the same party which has been pending for many months. RM-10354, which preceded RM-10413, is a corollary proposal to RM-10413 that also has been pending for many months.

The Commission should move ahead with a final rule based on RM-10354 and RM-10413 since the issues raised by the two petitions--reallocation of some HF privileges for newcomers--are straightforward, have been thoroughly vetted, and have gained widespread support.

These long-pending petitions need not--and should not--be incorporated into a new Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the more recent petitions, a process that will result in unconscionable further delay as the Commission sorts through the many complex and controversial issues that have been raised.

This commenter is filing via the Postal Service a written document enlarging on these brief comments.